

Arkansas Livestock and Poultry Commission  
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## **FINAL RULE**

Act 87 of 1963 and Act 150 of 1985

### **REGULAR AND SPECIAL CATTLE SALES REGULATIONS**

#### **I) Definition:** A "special cattle sale" is:

A) any sale of cattle at an approved Arkansas Cattle Market held on any day that is not a regular sale day or

B) any sale of one hundred (100) head or more of test eligible cows originating from out of state in one consignment in any sale, including those held on a regular sale day, at any approved Arkansas Cattle Market.

#### **II) Notice Requirement**

The market owner is only required to give written notice of a "special cattle sale" held at an approved market on any day that is not a regular sale day to the State Veterinarian a minimum of ten (10) working days prior to the "special cattle sale".

#### **III) Testing Requirements**

A) No intact bovine over eighteen (18) months of age, as evidenced by the eruption of the first two permanent incisor teeth, or that is in the third trimester of pregnancy, or has calved, shall be sold, traded, given away or moved for the purpose of change of ownership unless accompanied by evidence of an official negative test for brucellosis within thirty (30) days of sale or movement. Cattle originating directly out of a certified herd are exempt from this requirement, if proper documentation is provided (last test chart with the certified free herd number). This test shall be done at the concentration point if no evidence is presented of a test within the previous thirty (30) days.

B) Testing will be done at the owner's (seller's) expense by a private veterinary practitioner, or by approval of the State Veterinarian, in all change of ownership

transactions done other than at the auction market. It is the responsibility of both the seller and purchaser to see that the test is done.

C) Any test eligible cattle sold in a special sale or during a regular sale that meet the definition of a special cattle sale that were not presented a minimum of three (3) working days prior to the sale shall be tested at the auction market with the following stipulations:

- 1) If all of the cattle in one consignment are negative on an approved screening test they shall be allowed to sell without further testing.
- 2) If there are any reactors to the screening test the entire consignment shall be sold for slaughter or held at the market or returned home under quarantine to the farm of origin until further testing at the Livestock and Poultry laboratory determines the status of all reactors to the screening test.

D) Any test eligible cattle sold during a regular sale that are not exempt from testing and were not presented a minimum of three (3) working days prior to the sale shall be tested at the auction market with the following stipulations:

- 1) Any reactors to a screening test shall be subjected to a legally approved confirming test.
- 2) If the market is not authorized to perform the confirming test the test shall be run at the Livestock and Poultry laboratory to determine the status of the reactors to the screening test.
- 3) All intact cattle in the consignment with the reactor shall be sold for slaughter or quarantined to the farm of origin or quarantined to the market until the reactor is confirmed negative on a legally approved confirming test.
- 4) If the reactor to the screening test is found negative on the approved confirming test the reactor to the screening test shall be sold for slaughter or quarantined to the farm of origin or quarantined to the market for further testing and the remainder of the negative cattle in the consignment shall be allowed to sell.

- 5) Any consignment of intact cattle which are all test negative on the screening test shall be allowed to be sold.

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